

REMARKS

These remarks are set forth in response to the Final Office Action. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1 through 13 were pending in this application. Claim 2 through 13 were allowed. Claim 1 was rejected. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 10 are independent.

In paragraph 1 of the Final Office Action, Claims 2 through 13 were allowed. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 2 through 13.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 6-13 to remove these claims from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that these claims are not patentable over the prior art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim withdrawals are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the present application. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

In paragraph 4 of the Final Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0203980 to Starkie (hereinafter Starkie). Applicants have cancelled claim 1 and therefore the rejection of claim 1 is now moot.

Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. However, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the

prosecution of the application to an allowance. Accordingly, and in view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-3829, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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